

PRE-SEASON CHALLENGE MATCH

YORK CITY

v

**SHEFFIELD
WEDNESDAY**

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 1975

kick off 7.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME — 5p

WELCOME TO THIS EVENING'S VISITORS

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY F.C. was founded on 5 September, 1867, at the old Adelphi Hotel in Arundel Street. They are the third oldest club remaining in the Football League, and came into being because of . . . cricket! In fact, the Wednesday Cricket Club was founded in 1816, and they ultimately formed a football club to keep members together during the winter.

How did they get the name Wednesday? Well, Wednesday was a half-day holiday for the "little masters" of the town, so they decided to call themselves the Wednesday club.

It was in 1883 that the cricket and football clubs split — an interesting point when you consider that their neighbours and rivals, Sheffield United, divorced the two clubs as recently as 1973.

Their first ground was at Highfield, but important matches were played at Bramhall Lane. Later, however, they took up residence at Olive Grove, and played there from 1887 until 1899.

Their departure from Olive Grove coincided with relegation from the First Division, to which they had been elected in 1892. But the dark clouds soon rolled by: they found Hillsborough (Owlerton as it was then) and won the Second Division Championship at the first attempt.

This was their second national honour, for in 1896 they had won the F.A. Cup for the first time, beating Wolves 2-1.

In 1903 and 1904 they won the League Championship, and in 1907 beat Everton to win the F.A. Cup again.

In 1912 they staged the F.A. Cup semi-final replay between West Brom. and Blackburn, and so began the tradition for big matches at Hillsborough.

In 1930, they almost did the League and Cup double, finishing in a high place in each of the next few years and, in 1935, under Billy Walker's management, won the F.A. Cup by defeating West Brom. 4-2.

The Second Division claimed them again in 1937 where they stayed until promotion in 1950. From then on Wednesday's fortunes fluctuated: 1951: Relegated; 1952: Promoted; 1955: Relegated; 1956: Promoted; 1958: Relegated and 1959: Promoted.

After that they remained in the First Division until 1970 (finishing runners-up in 1960-61) and reached the F.A. Cup Final in 1966 when they were beaten by Everton 3-2 in one of the most exciting finals ever seen at Wembley.

The 1970's have not brought much success to Wednesday, and this season finds them in the Third Division for the first time in their history.

THE OWLS

SEASON 1975/76

Robert Brown Joined Wednesday in May 1974 on a free transfer from Chelsea. A firm favourite with the crowds.

Danny Cameron Played for Dundee Boys and was reserve for Scotland Boys. Signed straight from school and made his league debut against Notts County, at home in October 1973.

Ron Ferguson Came straight from school in July 1973 and became a full professional in February 1975.

Peter Fox Another player to sign straight from school making club history in April 1973 when he became the youngest ever League player when he played against Orient at the age of 15 years 8 months. Played 20 games last year.

Colin Harvey Arrived from Everton in September 1974 and quickly established himself a firm favourite with the crowd with his undoubted ability and his attitude to every game.

Phil Henson Signed from Manchester City in February 1975. A cool ball-playing type of mid-field man who likes to go forward and gets his quota of shots in.

Brian Joicey In 68/69 scored 45 goals for North Shields including the one that won the F.A. Amateur Cup Final against Sutton at Wembley. Turned professional at 22 with Coventry in 1969 and joined 'The Owls' in August 1971.

Ken Knighton Started his career with Wolves and has seen service with Oldham, Preston, Blackburn and Hull City. It was from Hull that Sheffield signed him in the summer of 1973.

Jimmy Mullen Came to Hillsborough in 1969 for trials and signed full professional soon afterwards. Made his league debut against Hull City on 26 December, 1970.

Eric Potts Signed from Oswestry in December 1969. Was an ever present in the side last season and the club are looking to him for success in the Third Division this year.

Mick Prndergast Has been dogged by ill-luck. Since being voted the supporters Player of the Year in 1973 he missed the whole of last season recovering from a broken leg, then after 3 reserve games needed a cartilage operation on the same leg.

Jim Quinn Signed from Celtic last season and quickly established himself in the left back spot. He likes to go forward which is not surprising as he started his career as a forward.

David Sunley Another player coming through the schoolboy ranks in 1968. Became a full professional in January 1970.

Allan Thompson Was captain of the Liverpool Boys side in 1967. Signed as a full professional for Wednesday in 1968.

Rodger Wyld Made his league debut against Middlesbrough in November 1972 when he scored. Has since been converted to midfield where he has performed with credit.

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(Teams From)

(Maroon and White)

(Blue and White)

1 GRAEME CRAWFORD

1 PETER FOX

2 JOHN STONE

2 DANNY CAMERON

3 DERRICK DOWNING

3 JIM QUINN

4 PETER OLIVER

4 ALLAN THOMPSON

5 BARRY SWALLOW

5 JIMMY MULLEN

6 ERIC McMORDIE

6 KEN KNIGHTON

7 CHRIS TOPPING

7 ERIC POTTS

8 JIMMY SEAL

8 COLIN HARVEY

9 CHRIS JONES

9 MICK PRENDERGAST

10 JOHN WOODWARD

10 BRIAN JOICEY

11 BARRY LYONS

11 PHIL HENSON

12 IAN BUTLER

12 ROBERT BROWN

13 IAN HOLMES

13 DAVID SUNLEY

14 STEWART WALKER

14 RODGER WYLDE

(Teams will be announced over the P.A. System)

Referee: G. A. ADAMS (York)

Linesmen:

Yellow Flag T. LEA (York)

Red Flag J. MacCARTHY (York)

**Forthcoming
Fixtures
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CRESCENT**

PRE-SEASON CHALLENGE MATCH
Saturday 9th August, 1975

YORK CITY v CHESTERFIELD
KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday 16th August, 1975

YORK CITY v PORTSMOUTH
KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.